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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On March 24, 2005, the Board of Regents took action consolidation of two former low-completer programs into a new A.S. in Human Services. In particular, Regents action stipulated the following:

By June 15, 2006, the University shall submit a report to the Commissioner of Higher Education, documenting the hiring of additional adjunct faculty needed to support increased student enrollment and reporting numbers of enrollees for AY 2005-2006. Based on the outcomes of this report, subsequent progress reports may be required.

The University projected increased enrollment in the new program, which could have led to a rather high student to faculty ratio.

STAFF ANALYSIS

In Fall 2006, 101 students are declared majors in Human Services -- significantly more than projected. The University reports that it has hired a part-time instructor to teach in the program. With the part-time instructor and two full-time faculty, the student to faculty ratio is around 33:1, which is reasonable for a broad-based program of this type.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee receive the Progress Report from Southern University Shreveport Relative to Implementation of the A.S. in Human Services Program. No further reports are required. The program is hereby granted full approval.